Mother Superior

Mercy Nun's Death In Limerick

The Mercy Order in Limerick has suffered

a profound loss on the death on Monday morning of the Superioress, Rev Mother Mary Raymond Leonard, at the parent house, St Mary's Convent, The deceased nun was a native of Newcastle West, and she joined the Mercy Order

over 40 years ago. Following her profession she was assigned to the teaching staff, and for a number of years taught in Henry street schools and St John's schools. While l'cincipal of Henry street schools she manifested an untiring interest in the welfare of the pupils and in forwarding the interests of the community. Eighteen years ago she was chosen as Superioress and had under her charge all the houses of the order in the county Limerick, including Adare, Rathkeale, Mount St Vincent and Mary Imma culate Training College. During her superiorship new schools were built at St John's and St Mary's, while the Training College was enlarged and beautified. Up to a week ago Rev Mother Raymond was actively engaged in carrying out her duties and her death, which came after an illness borne with exemplary resignation, has come as a great blow to the community. Surviving members of the family are Sister Mary Clare, Mercy Order, Tralee; Miss A Leonard, Mi'ford, county Cork, and Mr R Leonard, Newcastle West.

The funeral takes place on Wednesday to the convent cemetery after Solemn High Mass, at which the Bishop, Most Rev Dr Keane, is to preside.